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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 34/180 of 18 December 1979, adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. In its subsequent resolutions 35/140, 36/131, 37/64, 38/109, 39/130, 40/39, 41/108, 42/60, 43/100, 44/73 and 45/124, the Assembly urged States that had not yet ratified or acceded to the Convention to do so as soon as possible and requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the Convention. In its resolution 45/124 of 14 December 1990, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit this report annually. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of that resolution at its forty-sixth session. The requested report was submitted as document A/46/462. At its forty-sixth session, the Assembly decided to take up reports concerning the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women biennially, in even years (resolution 46/140 of 17 December 1991, annex I).

II. STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

2. The Convention was opened for signature in New York on 1 March 1980 and, in accordance with its article 27, entered into force on 3 September 1981.

3. As at 1 August 1992, 116 States had become parties to the Convention, 89 States had ratified it and 27 States had acceded to it. In addition, eight States had signed it without yet ratifying it. Since the last progress report, Benin, Burundi, Estonia, Israel, Jordan, Latvia, the Seychelles and Slovenia have become parties to the Convention. The complete list of States that have signed and ratified or acceded to the Convention, as well as the dates of their signatures and the dates of receipt of the instruments of ratification or accession, is contained in annex I to the present report. Reservations made upon ratification are contained in annex II and the withdrawal of reservations in annex III.

ANNEX I

List of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention as at 1 August 1992

State	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession
Afghanistan	14 August 1980	
Angola		17 September 1986 a/
Antigua and Barbuda		1 August 1989 a/
Argentina	17 July 1980	15 July 1985 b/
Australia	17 July 1980	28 July 1983 b/
Austria	17 July 1980	31 March 1982 b/
Bangladesh		6 November 1984 a/ b/
Barbados	24 July 1980	16 October 1980
Belarus	17 July 1980	4 February 1981 c/
Belgium	17 July 1980	10 July 1985 b/
Belize	7 March 1990	16 May 1990
Benin	11 November 1981	12 March 1992
Bhutan	17 July 1980	31 August 1981
Bolivia	30 May 1980	10 May 1990
Brazil	31 March 1981	1 February 1984 b/
Bulgaria	17 July 1980	8 February 1982 b/
Burkina Faso		14 October 1987 a/
Burundi	17 July 1980	9 January 1992
Cameroon	6 June 1983	
Canada	17 July 1980	10 December 1981 c/
Cape Verde		5 December 1980 a/
Central African Republic		21 June 1991 a/
Chile	17 July 1980	7 December 1989
China	17 July 1980	4 November 1980 b/
Colombia	17 July 1980	19 January 1982
Congo	29 July 1980	26 July 1982
Costa Rica	17 July 1980	4 April 1986
Côte d'Ivoire	17 July 1980	
Cuba	6 March 1980	17 July 1980 b/
Cyprus		23 July 1985 a/ b/
Czechoslovakia	17 July 1980	16 February 1982 c/
Democratic Kampuchea	17 October 1980	
Denmark	17 July 1980	21 April 1983
Dominica	15 September 1980	15 September 1980
Dominican Republic	17 July 1980	2 September 1982
Ecuador	17 July 1980	9 November 1981
Egypt	16 July 1980	18 September 1981 b/
El Salvador	14 November 1980	19 August 1981 b/

State	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession
Equatorial Guinea		23 October 1984 a/
Estonia		21 October 1991 a/
Ethiopia	8 July 1980	10 September 1981 b/
Finland	17 July 1980	4 September 1986
France	17 July 1980	14 December 1983 b/ c/
Gabon	17 July 1980	21 January 1983
Gambia	29 July 1980	
German Democratic Republic d/	25 June 1980	9 July 1980 b/
Germany, Federal Republic of d/	17 July 1980	10 July 1985 b/
Ghana	17 July 1980	2 January 1986
Greece	2 March 1982	7 June 1983
Grenada	17 July 1980	30 August 1990
Guatemala	8 June 1981	12 August 1982
Guinea	17 July 1980	9 August 1982
Guinea-Bissau	17 July 1980	23 August 1985
Guyana	17 July 1980	17 July 1980
Haiti	17 July 1980	20 July 1981
Honduras	11 June 1980	3 March 1983
Hungary	6 June 1980	22 December 1980 b/
Iceland	24 July 1980	18 June 1985
India	30 July 1980 b/	
Indonesia	29 July 1980	13 September 1984 b/
Iraq		13 August 1986 a/ b/
Ireland		23 December 1985 a/ b/ c/
Israel	17 July 1980	3 October 1991 b/
Italy	17 July 1980 b/	10 June 1985
Jamaica	17 July 1980	19 October 1984 b/
Japan	17 July 1980	25 June 1985
Jordan	3 December 1980 b/	1 July 1992 b/
Kenya		9 March 1984 a/
Lao People's Democratic Republic	17 July 1980	14 August 1981
Latvia		14 April 1992 a/
Lesotho	17 July 1980	
Liberia		17 July 1984 a/
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		16 May 1989 a/ b/
Luxembourg	17 July 1980	2 February 1989 b/
Madagascar	17 July 1980	17 March 1989
Malawi		12 March 1987 a/ b/
Mali	5 February 1985	10 September 1985
Malta		8 March 1991 a/ b/
Mauritius		9 July 1984 a/ b/

State	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession
Mexico	17 July 1980 b/	23 March 1981
Mongolia	17 July 1980 b/	20 July 1981 b/
Nepal		22 April 1991
Netherlands	17 July 1980	23 July 1991
New Zealand	17 July 1980	10 January 1985 b/ c/
Nicaragua	17 July 1980	27 October 1981
Nigeria	23 April 1984	13 June 1985
Norway	17 July 1980	21 May 1981
Panama	26 June 1980	29 October 1981
Paraguay		6 April 1987 a/
Peru	23 July 1981	13 September 1982
Philippines	15 July 1980	5 August 1981
Poland	29 May 1980	30 July 1980 b/
Portugal	24 April 1980	30 July 1980
Republic of Korea	25 May 1983	27 December 1984 b/ c/
Romania	4 September 1980	7 January 1982 b/
Russian Federation	17 July 1980 b/	23 January 1981 c/
Rwanda	1 May 1980	2 March 1981
Saint Kitts and Nevis		25 April 1985 a/
Saint Lucia		8 October 1982 a/
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines		4 August 1981 a/
Seychelles		5 May 1992 a/
Senegal	29 July 1980	5 February 1985
Sierra Leone	21 September 1988	11 November 1988
Slovenia	6 July 1992	
Spain	17 July 1980	5 January 1984 b/
Sri Lanka	17 July 1980	5 October 1981
Sweden	7 March 1980	2 July 1980
Switzerland	23 January 1987	
Thailand		9 August 1985 a/ b/ c/
Togo		26 September 1983 a/
Trinidad and Tobago	27 June 1985 b/	12 January 1990 b/
Tunisia	24 July 1980	20 September 1985 b/
Turkey		20 December 1985 a/ b/
Uganda	30 July 1980	22 July 1985
Ukraine	17 July 1980	12 March 1981 c/
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	22 July 1981 b/	7 April 1986 b/
United Republic of Tanzania	17 July 1980	20 August 1985
United States of America	17 July 1980	
Uruguay	30 March 1981	9 October 1981

State	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession
Venezuela	17 July 1980	2 May 1983 b/
Viet Nam	29 July 1980	17 February 1982 b/
Yemen e/		30 May 1984 a/ b/
Yugoslavia	17 July 1980	26 February 1982
Zaire	17 July 1980	17 October 1986
Zambia	17 July 1980	21 June 1985
Zimbabwe		13 May 1991 a/

a/ Accession.

b/ Declarations or reservations.

c/ Reservation subsequently withdrawn.

d/ Through accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to form one sovereign State. As from the date of unification, the Federal Republic of Germany acts in the United Nations under the designation of "Germany".

e/ On 22 May 1990 Democratic Yemen and Yemen merged to form a single State. Since that date they have been represented as one Member with the name "Yemen".

ANNEX II

Reservations made upon ratification from 1 August 1991 to 1 August 1992

[Original: Arabic]

[1 July 1992]

Reservation made by the Government of Jordan upon ratification

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan hereby registers its reservation and does not consider itself bound by the provisions of article 9, paragraph 2; article 15, paragraph 4 (a woman's residence and domicile are with her husband); the wording of article 16 (c) (in relation to the rights arising upon the dissolution of a marriage in connection with maintenance and compensation); and article 16 (d) and (g) of the Convention.

ANNEX III

Withdrawal of reservations or declarations from 1 August 1991 to 1 August 1992

On 28 May 1992, the Government of Canada notified the Secretary-General of its decision to withdraw the following declaration relating to article 11, paragraph 1 (d), of the Convention made upon ratification on 10 December 1981:

[Original: English]

The Government of Canada states that the competent legislative authorities within Canada have addressed the concept of equal pay referred to in article 11, paragraph 1 (d), by legislation which requires the establishment of rates of remuneration without discrimination on the basis of sex. The competent legislative authorities within Canada will continue to implement the object and purpose of article 11, paragraph 1 (d), and to that end have developed, and where appropriate will continue to develop, additional legislative and other measures.